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For: **POLISHING APPARATUS AND** )  
**POLISHING METHOD** )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment and amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.